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SUBJECT: DRAFT MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE FOR CY 1975-80

REFERENCES: A) USNATO 2054; B) USNATO 2107

1. WE AGREE WITH MISSION RECOMMENDATION IN PARA 5 OF  
REFTEL B AND BELIEVE THAT FASTEST AND EASIEST WAY TO  
DEVELOP GUIDANCE PAPER FOR APPROVAL OF MINISTERS AT  
JUNE DPC IS TO START WITH CLEAN SLATE.

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2. YOU MAY FIND, HOWEVER, SOME RELUCTANCE ON PART OF OTHER DELEGATIONS OR INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO COMPLETELY REJECT THE DRAFT PAPER WITHOUT SOME DISCUSSION. WE LEAVE THE MODALITIES OF HOW THE GUIDANCE IS TO BE REWRITTEN TO THE BEST JUDGMENT OF THE MISSION, BEARING IN MIND THE IMPORTANCE OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE AS A LINK BETWEEN APPROVED STRATEGY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF MILITARY FORCES IN THE DEFENSE REVIEW PROCESS.

3. GUIDANCE OUTLINED BELOW WILL SUPPORT OUR OBJECTIVES FOR THIS PAPER:

A. DEVELOP AN ACTION PAPER FOR APPROVAL OF DEFENSE MINISTERS AT THE JUNE DPC WHICH WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CY 1975-80 FORCE PROPOSALS.

B. DO NOT ALTER OR DO OTHER THAN REAFFIRM THE BASIC NATO APPROVED STRATEGY EMBODIED IN MC 14/3.

C. TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE APPRECIATION OF THE MILITARY SITUATION AS IT WILL AFFECT NATO THROUGH 1980 ( MCM-10-73) AND THE APPRECIATION OF THE ECONOMIC POSITION OF NATO AND WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH 1980 ( AC/127- D/436).

D. PRESS FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS OF FORCE MODERNIZATION SO THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF AD 70 CAN HAVE A FAIR CHANCE OF BEING FULLY CARRIED OUT.

E. IF POSSIBLE, YOU SHOULD TRY TO SALVAGE SOME NATO- ACCEPTABLE IDEAS FROM THE DRAFT PAPER, PARTICULARLY ON RATIONALIZATION AND STANDARDIZATION.

4. YOU MAY RESERVE THE US POSITION AT YOUR DISCRETION IF CIRCUMSTANCES MAKE THIS OPTION DESIRABLE ( PARA 6, REFTEL B).

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